

SAYS BIG CROP. Department of Agriculture Issues Bearish Report About Cotton.

CROP IS BIG IN TEXAS The Government Agricultural Officials Again Guessing at the Size of the Cotton Crop, Claiming Now That It Is Nearly Fourteen Million Bales.

The cotton crop of the growing season of 1911, which early in the year, gave indications that it would be one of the largest in the history of the industry, will approximate 13,868,337 bales of 500 pounds or about 290,000 bales more than the record of 1904.

This, says a report from Washington, was indicated by the final condition report of the department of agriculture on Monday at noon which showed the crop to be 71.1 per cent of normal on September 25.

While there were declines in the condition in most States there was an improvement of 2 per cent. in Texas and 1 per cent. in North Carolina.

With an indicated yield of 195 pounds to the acre, as unofficially estimated from Monday's condition figures, and the planted area, the 1911 crop undoubtedly will go down as the biggest on record.

Table with 3 columns: State, 1911, 1910. Lists cotton crop percentages for various states.

Table with 3 columns: State, 1911, 1910. Lists cotton crop percentages for various states.

Charged With Having Dangerously Shot Boy Named Paris. A man named John R. Davis was brought to Gaffney Monday night and lodged in jail, charged with having shot a boy named Paris in the Kegtown section of this county Monday.

Championship Balloon Races. All is in readiness at Kansas City for the start of the big international balloon race today.

SCHLEY DIES SUDDENLY HERE. Admiral Stricken in Strange Way.

He Died Unrecognized by Anyone in the Large Crowd That Rushed to His Aid.

Unrecognized by a single person in the curious throng that rushed to his aid, Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, U. S. N., retired, fell dead in front of the Berkeley lyceum on west Forty-fourth street, New York, on Monday afternoon.

The Admiral's sudden death is attributed to cerebral hemorrhage which attacked him shortly after he, with Mrs. Schley reached New York that morning from a visit to Mount Kisco and had called at the New York Yacht club for his mail.

As the Admiral was walking through west Forty-fourth street, a passerby who saw him stagger grasped his way quickly through the crowd.

Despite the strangers service, however, the admiral fell helpless to the street and a physician who pressed his way quickly through the crowd pronounced him dead.

There was a gasp over his right eye where his forehead had struck the sidewalk. A slight fracture of the frontal bone had ensued, but surgeons who examined the body expressed disbelief that this injury in any way resulted in his death.

His identity was established by letters and papers found in his pockets and from an inscription in his gold watch which had been presented to the admiral by his native State of Maryland.

WERE KILLED IN MINES. Mutiny in Prison Results in Death of Three Convicts.

As a result of a mutiny of prisoners at the Brushy Mountain mines, a branch of the Tennessee State penitentiary, which began three days ago, three negro convicts are dead.

POISONED BY ICE CREAM. Two Families in Sumter County Made Seriously Ill.

Fourteen persons in the families of Alva and Frank McCoy near Oswego, and four servants, were made seriously ill after eating ice cream last Friday night.

Cotton Worm Plays Havoc. A strange worm, which made its appearance a few days ago, is working havoc in the late cotton fields of Gaston county, N. C., stripping entire fields, as they come, of both leaves and unopened bolls.

DAMAGE BY ARMY WORM. Cotton Caterpillar Puts In Deadly Work.

A. F. Conradi, State Entomologist, Thinks Late Appearance of Worm Will Save the Cotton Crop.

The State says many cotton fields in the Piedmont section of the State have been stripped of the leaves and the tender fruit greatly damaged by the cotton caterpillar, commonly known as the "army worm."

In response to a telegram from The State Mr. Conradi made the following statement as to the caterpillar: "The cotton caterpillar is rapidly increasing in this State.

"I can make no prediction as to the effect on the cotton crop for next year before the end of the week."

A. G. Smith, of the United States office of farm management sent several of the caterpillars to Mr. Conradi for examination.

According to reports received in Columbia the cotton caterpillar first made its appearance a week ago.

A report from Charlotte Monday night stated that a strange worm which made its appearance a few days ago in Gaston county, N. C., was working havoc in the late cotton fields.

DEATH LIST MUCH REDUCED. The Flood Victims Now Said to be Over One Hundred.

A dispatch from Austin, Pa., says twenty-five dead, 86 missing and believed to be buried beneath the debris is the official census of Austin's loss of life in the flood of Saturday.

During the Spanish American war Schley, in the absence of Sampson, fought the Spanish fleet, which attempted to escape from Santiago harbor and destroyed it with his fleet of half a dozen ships.

Mutiny in Prison Results in Death of Three Convicts. As a result of a mutiny of prisoners at the Brushy Mountain mines...

At Kingstree on Sunday night Samuel Brown, a young man of about 25 years, ended his life by taking a bottle of morphine.

HYDE ASKS FOR BAPTISM. Condemned Man Would Join Church Before His Execution.

A dispatch from Anderson says Samuel Hyde, the young white man who slew his wife and her father on July 18, and who is under sentence to hang on October 20, has professed conversion and has addressed a letter to the congregation of the First Baptist Church...

Thrown from Motorcycle. A white rural letter carrier, married and aged 29, died Monday from a fracture of the skull sustained by being thrown from his motorcycle when he ran into a rope stretched across a street undergoing repairs.

VERY SAD TALE. Woman Tells How She Met and Married Her Bad Chinese Husband. SHE WAS HIS TEACHER. Was Once a Missionary, and Worked Among the Chinese Before Her Marriage to Charlie Song, Who Now Deals in Opium and Made Her Lead Immoral Life.

Government officials recently raided four shops in the Chinese quarters of Newark, N. J., and seized six thousand dollars worth of crude opium.

Four Chinamen, one Charlie Song, and an American woman, Mrs. Charlie Song, were taken, but Mrs. Charlie Song was permitted to go free.

Mrs. Song declared she is weary of "the life of white slavery" she has been leading to which Charlie Song forced her to descend after she had been a Methodist missionary among the Chinese of Newark.

In a shop, No. 15 Lafayette street, and in three others in what is known as the Chinese Arcade, in an alley off Mulberry street, they arrested Bat Ling, a merchant, aged twenty-five, who claimed a residence in New York.

There she met Charlie Song seven years ago; he was intelligent and seemed particularly anxious to be taught religion, and, incidentally English.

She said she took up missionary work among the Chinese pupils of the church's branch Sunday school.

There she met Charlie Song seven years ago; he was intelligent and seemed particularly anxious to be taught religion, and, incidentally English.

She said she took up missionary work among the Chinese pupils of the church's branch Sunday school.

She said she took up missionary work among the Chinese pupils of the church's branch Sunday school.

MAN TOOK FATAL DRUG. Samuel Brown of Kingstree Found Dead in His Bed.

At Kingstree on Sunday night Samuel Brown, a young man of about 25 years, ended his life by taking a bottle of morphine.

SOUTH CAROLINA WINS. Takes Militia Championship in Hudson River Races.

A dispatch from New York says in a choppy ebb tide and cross wind on the Hudson river Saturday the South Carolina crew of ten men won the militia championship of the United States.

Wants His Name Changed. "My mail is usually read by three of four persons in town before it reaches me, and I want my name changed," is John Anderson's plea to the supreme court.

Whole Family Murdered. At Monmouth, Ill., William E. Dawson, his wife and one daughter, were found in their beds Sunday, the skulls of each crushed in.

STRIKE RIOTERS FIGHT. PITCHED BATTLE IN RAILWAY YARDS AT McCOMB CITY. Military Companies Called and the Troops Are to Take Charge. Several Hundred Shots Exchanged.

In a pitched battle in the freight yards of the Illinois Central railroad at McComb City, Miss., between the strikers and strike-breakers late on Tuesday, several persons are reported to have been killed and others wounded.

Several hundred shots were exchanged during the hostilities and among the strikers there were numerous bruised and broken heads.

The fight in which a large number are believed to have been killed and wounded occurred at the freight shed, about half a mile south of the depot, closely following the first encounter of the afternoon.

The train bearing the strike-breakers had pulled down to the freight shed and was standing on a side track.

The occupants of the coaches immediately got under the seats and returned the fire through the coach windows, keeping well scattered.

The battle raged for fully twenty minutes. Finally the engineer in charge of the train made a dash for his locomotive.

Adjutant General Fridge was accompanied on the special train by a posse of United States deputy marshals hastily organized by Marshal Fred Wallings.

The Columbia State says Wade Hampton Sellers must pay \$5,000 to Mrs. May W. Farmer for killing her husband, James P. Farmer.

In the Richland county court of general session Sellers was acquitted of the murder of Mr. Farmer.

The verdict of \$5,000 for the benefit of Mrs. Farmer and her children was awarded against W. H. Sellers.

Falls One Hundred Feet. Cromwell Dixon, who aviated across the Rocky mountains last Saturday, fell 100 feet at the interstate fair grounds at Spokane, Monday, and received injuries which caused his death.

WILEY IN CONTROL. EXPERT'S ENEMIES TAKEN OFF GOVERNMENT BOARD. McCabe Resigns and Dunlap, Other Alleged Defender of Adulterants, Given Vacation Until Taft Returns.

In a sudden succession of orders at Washington an initial move in the expected reorganization of the department of agriculture, George P. McCabe, a department solicitor, Monday was retired from the pure food and drug board.

These changes were announced on Monday by James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, following a conference with Dr. Wiley, who has been on a long vacation.

The pure food and drug board is the agency which passes upon many important cases arising under the enforcement of the pure food law.

Secretary Wilson's brief announcement of the change stated that Solicitor McCabe voluntarily resigned and that his resignation had been accepted.

The reasons for Solicitor McCabe's resignation were not announced. Secretary Wilson stated that Mr. McCabe's duties as solicitor remain unchanged, and under the general provisions of the law, he will continue to exercise an important control over the enforcement of the pure food law.

Dr. Dunlap was acting chairman of the board when Dr. Wiley was absent from Washington.

The reasons for Solicitor McCabe's resignation were not announced. Secretary Wilson stated that Mr. McCabe's duties as solicitor remain unchanged, and under the general provisions of the law, he will continue to exercise an important control over the enforcement of the pure food law.

"There will be no permanent changes in the department method of enforcing the pure food law until President Taft has had an opportunity to take the matter up in Washington," said Secretary Wilson.

WILL HAVE TO PAY UP. Sellers Must Pay Mrs. Farmer Five Thousand Dollars.

The Columbia State says Wade Hampton Sellers must pay \$5,000 to Mrs. May W. Farmer for killing her husband, James P. Farmer.

In the Richland county court of general session Sellers was acquitted of the murder of Mr. Farmer.

The verdict of \$5,000 for the benefit of Mrs. Farmer and her children was awarded against W. H. Sellers.

Eight Children Burned. William Dias of Heshbon, Pa., ranging in age from 13 years to three months, were burned to death Sunday when fire destroyed their home.

PAID FOR SEAT. Stephenson Admits Using Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars IN PRIMARY ELECTION. In Which He Was Nominated to the United States Senate as Senator From Wisconsin, Yet He Swears He Does Not Know How the Money Was Spent.

On the witness stand at Milwaukee, Wis., before the senatorial investigating committee for three hours answer charges that bribery and corrupt use of money had contributed to his election, United States Senator Isaac Stephenson Monday swore that although he spent \$107,793 in his campaign, he had little knowledge as to just how it was expended, except that it was not used in violation of the law.

The details, he said, he had left to his campaign managers. As an instance of his ignorance of just where the money went he cited an item of \$11,000 for postage.

"Now," declared Senator Stephenson, "I am president of more than a dozen active industries in this State, and I have in my employ more than 2,000 men, some of whom have been with me for 50 years. In them I have every confidence."

"I do not pay any attention to the details of these industries. Just so, when my campaign for nomination by the primaries in 1908 came up, I could not lay awake nights, trying to figure how the postage was used. I gave sums of money to my managers and told them to carry on a vigor campaign and do everything to elect me, except that they must keep within the law. I cautioned them not to violate the law in any particular. As far as I know, they obeyed me."

Citing proportionately large expenditures for advertising, buttons, lithographs, advertising in newspapers and traveling expenses, the witness testified, he frequently asked where so much money was going, but on being told it was a close fight, and the State had to be systematically canvassed to elect him, he questioned the matter no further.

Two points, as being the position of the "defense" in the inquiry which is being conducted by a sub-committee of the senate committee on privileges and elections, were made known by Charles E. Littlefield, counsel for Mr. Stephenson—one was that the committee had no authority to investigate the primary campaign of 1908 at which Mr. Stephenson was nominated but must confine itself to questioning whether the senator actually expended money for his election by the State legislature in 1908.

He asserted that all the money was spent in the nomination and not a dollar went to the election. Another declaration was that Mr. Stephenson was elected by the legislature with both houses voting separately June 26, 1909, and that the subsequent election by the legislature jointly March 4, 1909, when three Democratic members absented themselves and so gave Mr. Stephenson a majority was not necessary.

The committee announced that at present it would not confine itself to any of the limitations Mr. Stephenson declared he had given money for campaign purposes to men who afterward became candidates for the legislature and some of them were elected, but he was not aware of their candidacy when he gave them money.

"The record shows that you paid to your managers one day \$10,000 and a short time afterward gave them \$15,000 more," said Senator W. B. Heyburn, chairman. "Didn't you ever ask them what they were doing with all that money?"

NO, ONLY IN A GENERAL WAY. In October, 1908, more than a month after the election, you gave one of your managers several thousand dollars. Did you inquire as to what he wanted it for?

"No, I supposed it was for some bill. They did not always present bills promptly. In the same way, I gave J. Earl Morgan, my son-in-law, \$2,500 for campaign expenses."

"Didn't you pay three Democratic members or any one for absenting themselves from the legislature on March 4, 1909, so that you could have a majority?"

"No, I never knew of any member having absented himself except as I read it in the newspapers."

E. A. Edmunds, another election manager, testified he knew of no money having been illegally used in Mr. Stephenson's election.